Deputation Allowances in the Instrumentalities

†357. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10% or 5% allowance is provided to the candidates while deputing them in the Instrumentalities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a^and (b) An employee appointed on deputation/foreign service and governed by this Deptt. O.M. No. 2/29/91 -Estt. (Pay. II) dated 5th Jan., 1994 as modified on 11.3.98 may elect to draw either the pay in the scale of pay of deputation/foreign service post or his basic pay in the parent cadre plus deputation (duty) allowance thereon plus personal pay, if any. The officers/officials of the Central Govt./autonomous bodies appointed on the pesonal staff of Ministers are however governed by a separate set of orders and in their case, no such option is available vide OM No. 2/8/97-Estt. (Pay. II) dated 11.3.98. If he has opted for his basic pay in the parent cadre plus deputation duty allowance, the deputation (duty) allowance is admissible at the following rates:—

(a) 5% of the employee's basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 500/- p.m. (pre-revised Rs. 250 p.m.) when the transfer is within the same station; and

(b) 10% of the employee's basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 1000/- p.m. (pre-revised Rs. 500/- p.m.) in all other cases.

Deputation (duty) allowance is further restricted as under:

(i) Pay -i- deputation (duty) allowance shall at no time exced the maximum of the scale of pay of ex-cadre post; and

(ii) Pay + deputation (duty) allowance shall at no time exceed Rs. 22,400/- p.m. (pre-revised Rs. 7300/-). Unless otherwise specified, the normal period of deputation is treated as three years and in such cases the deputation duty allowance to the persons on deputation is allowed for the 4th year or first year in excess of the period prescribed in the Recruitment Rules. In case where the normal period of deputation prescribed in Recruitment Rules is more than 3 years, the deputation duty allowance is allowed upto first year in excess of the period prescribed in Recruitment Rules. The

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idea underlying this restriction seems to be that a person should not remain away from his cadre and necessary steps for filling up the post are taken during the extended period of deputation. However the deputationist who opted to draw pay in the scale of the ex-cadre post shall continue to draw pay in that scale even during the extended tenure also. It is entirely the choice of the deputationist either to elect the deputation (duty) allowance or the pay scale of the ex-cadre post whichever is beneficial to him. A copy of this Deptt.'s O.M. dated 5.1.94 laying down the general policy on deputation (duty) allowance was laid on the Table of the House on 23.3.1995 and 4.6.98 in reply to an Unstarred Question No. 1631 and 957 respectively.

Restoration of Commuted value of pension

358. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) keeping in view that the year 1999 is being observed as the Year of Senior Citizens, whether Government have so far taken any final decision regarding restoration of the commuted value of pensions of the Central Government pensioners after ten years instead of fifteen years;

(b) if so, by when the orders are likely to be issued; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor when the Fifth Central Pay Commission has already given its recommendations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONER'S WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Taking into view the financial implications, various issues involved and all relevant factors, Government has taken a final decision not to accept the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission on restoration of Commuted Value of pension after 12 years instead of 15 years as at present.

Pending Cases Pertaining to State Bank of Indore

†359. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1189 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the report with regard to the cases pertaining to State Bank of Indore;

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